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Oral Recitation Assignment
To Kill A Mockingbird

Reading a novel is one way to read a story. The reader can read about a place, characters, the problems between those characters, and read how a setting can affect the characters in the story. When you read, you understand the events of the book.

Memorizing part of that novel rises to a different level of understanding. First, you have to read a section of the story many times to be able to memorize it. That rereading helps you understand that part of the story much better. But to memorize and then recite a passage rises to yet another level of understanding: To speak the words aloud forces you to truly empathize with the character. To recite well, you have to understand the character's motivations, feelings, and decisions.

Your assignment is **to memorize at least one paragraph of Atticus's closing speech on pages 270-275 of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.**

Specific Areas of Focus:

- Memorization
- Tone, clarity, and projection
- Body Language (facial expressions and hand gestures)
- Does the recitation express the meaning of the passage?

Key Dates:

- Selection of Paragraph: Tuesday, May 1 (A/B/E/F periods) and Wednesday, May 2 (D period)
- Understanding of Your Paragraph (the back of this worksheet):
 - E/F periods: Wednesday, May 2
 - B period: Thursday, May 3
 - A/D periods: Friday, May 4
- Practice time with feedback from peer: Thursday, May 3 (F period) and Friday, May 4 (other periods)
- Recitations: Monday, May 14

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I. Write out the paragraph(s) you are going to memorize.

II. What is Atticus saying in this passage?

III. Why is Atticus making this point? Who is that point directed towards?

IV. Why are you choosing this particular passage?